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RELIABLE GROCERS.

TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Will Not Meet. The Women's Club will not hold their regular meeting today.

Change in Schedule. It is announced that the A. & P. R. R. will shortly change the time of its trains, which leave Astoria and Seaside, so that the morning and evening trains will each leave thirty-five minutes later than the present schedule.

Hotel Irving—European plan. The only steam-heated hotel in Astoria; large and airy rooms; prices from 50 cents to \$1.50; well prepared and daintily served meals at 25 cents. Special rates per week or month for room and board to permanent guests. Our bus meets all trains and steamboats.

Membership Increased. A meeting of the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union was held at Clifton yesterday, and a number of new members added to the increasing roll of this popular organization.

Good Time Social. A large number of friends and members of the Presbyterian church, attended a Good Times social last evening at the residence of J. T. Ross. The evening was pleasantly spent in social intercourse and an impromptu literary program.

The very best board to be obtained in the city is at "The Occident Hotel." Rates very reasonable.

Funeral Yesterday. The funeral of Ellen Mattson, the six-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ahlrick Mattson of Upper Astoria was held from the family residence yesterday. The interment was at Greenwood.

Water Supply Short. Owing to a break in the main conduit of the water system near Little Bear Creek, the water was shut off from the reservoir. A force of men left out yesterday and the repairs were completed last evening.

For a good shave go to the Occident Barber Shop. Five chairs. No long waits.

Communication Filed. A communication to the city council was filed yesterday afternoon with the city auditor by Secretary Sovey of the McClure improvement club, being a copy of a resolution passed at the last meeting of the club declaring it the sense of the members that the improvement of Duane and Bond streets be made with cement sidewalks and macadam.

Inquire of the Elks about the event of the season—March 29.

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Dissolve Partnership. The firm of Mellett & Brown have dissolved partnership and hereafter Mr. Brown will conduct the business in his own name.

Died Yesterday. Mrs. Morgan, a resident of Brookfield, died yesterday afternoon at the St. Mary's hospital of cancer of the liver. The remains will be taken to Brookfield for burial.

Smallpox Patient Leaves. Yesterday morning City Physician Mann discharged the smallpox patient from the pest house and he left immediately on the steamer Kilburn for San Francisco.

Cleaning Up. In response to the offer of the McClure Improvement Club that it would give prizes to the child who collected the largest pile of rubbish, many of the children have testified themselves and every night after school can be seen gathering up pieces of rags, tin cans, and debris of all kinds. The contest closes on the end of the month.

Pass Examination. Of those who took the civil service examination for carriers in the postal department last February word has been received that George A. Olsen, and A. L. McCroskey were successful. For clerk in the postal department Mrs. Wilhelmine Heilmann passed. Mr. McCroskey will now be advanced on the list from extra to regular carrier and Mr. Olsen will be appointed as substitute carrier.

Would Hang Pictures. A movement has been started by Mayor Wise to secure the photographs of all the Mayors who have served for Astoria, and after framing them suitably hang them up in the city hall, so that visitors coming to this city may look on the faces of the men who have supervised the affairs of the city by the sea.

Mayor's Convention. Mayor Wise states that he has submitted a plan to Mayor Lane of Portland looking toward the forming of a sort of Mayor's League. According to Mr. Wise the best interests of the Pacific Northwest would be conserved and the whole section benefited to an untold degree if once every year the mayors of all the cities in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, should meet in convention, and discuss the problems of municipal government.

PERSONAL MENTION.

F. S. Garrison of Nahcotta was in the city yesterday.

Frank Scott was up from Seaside yesterday on business.

R. G. Butler of Seattle registered at the Occident yesterday.

E. S. Quimby of Portland was a visitor in Astoria yesterday.

E. A. Baldwin of Portland registered at the Occident yesterday.

L. C. Miss of Portland arrived in the city yesterday on business.

L. W. Loomis of Saginaw, Mich., was a visitor in the city yesterday.

W. T. Scholfield was in Clifton yesterday interviewing his friends.

J. A. Malone of Minneapolis was a guest at the Occident yesterday.

Willis Mumford of Boston was among the arrivals in the city yesterday.

Jessie Stearns of Portland was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

August Erickson of Chinoook visited friends in the city yesterday.

C. E. Pitts of San Francisco arrived down on the noon train yesterday.

W. J. Ingalls was in from the Lewis and Clark yesterday on business.

George W. Hume left yesterday on the Columbia for San Francisco.

C. G. Hill left yesterday on the steamer Columbia for San Francisco.

Captain Harry Haslam of Cathlamet was in the city yesterday on business.

R. A. Hawkins, the Ilwaco merchant was in the city yesterday on business.

E. E. Stanley of Emmett, Idaho, was among the arrivals at the Occident yesterday.

Samuel Ness left for Prosper, Oregon, yesterday to look after his cannery interests.

Charles A. Campbell has gone to the springs and expects to be absent about two weeks.

A. J. Nelson, a prominent oysterman from Oysterville, was in the city yesterday on business.

Harry Hamblet of Portland who has been in the city the past two days, returned home last evening.

T. R. Kershaw, fish commissioner of Washington, accompanied by his wife visited friends in the city yesterday.

THE PICTURE WORLD.

When you are in need of anything in the photographic line in the amateur way, kodaks, films, plates, cards, mounts, and all the technical details of the business, and want the best and last in the way of artistic development just go to Frank Hart, the druggist, and tell him so. That is all.

New Popular Song Books—Svenson's

Pillsbury's Best Flour, Minneapolis, \$1.75 per sack. Geo. Lindstrom & Co.

WATERFRONT ITEMS

Lighthouse-Tender and Lightship Needed in This Port.

PROSPECT NOT ENCOURAGING

News That Hydrographic Office Has Recommended Two Vessels For Astoria Not Encouraging as Bill is Likely to Die Out.

Those who are interested in securing a lighthouse-tender and lightship for this district are not greatly encouraged by the report that the Hydrographic Office had recommended the appropriation.

"Two years ago," said a federal officer here yesterday, "we had every assurance that this much-needed addition to the lighthouse service would be secured, but the bill died in committee. As a precautionary measure against the time when one of our lightships may get out of order or break adrift, the additional vessel is badly needed. The time may come when its absence will cause great loss of lives and property."

The appropriation recommended calls for \$130,000 for a tender and \$150,000 for a steam lightship. The tender would replace the wrecked Manzanita. The little Heather does all the work of the district and is kept on the go almost constantly.

The lightship would be used as an extra, or would be placed on one of the stations either here on Puget Sound, and the vessel thus replaced would be kept for emergencies.

The lightships in use are schooners, but the policy of the lighthouse service is to replace these with steamers as fast as they are retired from the service.

Both lightships were subjected to severe tests during the rough weather of the winter. With No. 51 disabled and undergoing repairs at Seattle there is at present nothing to replace them in case of accident.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

The steam schooner Daisy Mitchell arrived down the river yesterday morning and left out for San Francisco with lumber from the Inman-Paulson mills.

The steamer F. A. Kilburn left out yesterday morning for San Francisco with freight and passengers.

The steamer Columbia arrived down from Portland yesterday and left out for the bay city with freight and passengers.

The British steamer Cambrian King arrived in from San Francisco yesterday and proceeded up the river to Portland where she will take on a cargo of flour for Vladivostok.

It is expected that the Spreckels' tug Defiance will arrive in from San Francisco today to take the Aurelia in tow to the bay city where her broken propeller can be repaired.

The steamer Beaver is now operating between Portland and Clatskanie and Oak Point, under the management of the merchants in Oak Point, Clatskanie, and Stella. The boat is making tri-weekly trips.

The barkentine Gleaner, Captain R. Schmehl, arrived at Knappton Thursday morning. She left San Francisco Saturday afternoon, the 17th inst, but for two days made no headway, having no wind, but when the wind did strike her, she came a flying, covering the distance in two days' sailing, although she had been out from San Francisco nearly five days. The Gleaner will load 650,000 feet of lumber for the Bay City.

The British ship Caradale, which sailed from here November 6 with 26,778 bushels of wheat and 17,500 barrels of flour, arrived at Dublin, March 20.

Steamer Czarna will arrive in a few days under charter to the Northwest Warehouse Company at Portland to load wheat for San Pedro.

British steamer Ellerie, which sailed from Portland in February, with 2,700,000 feet of lumber, arrived at Port Pirie, Australia, Wednesday.

Two large schooners left the Portland Lumber Mills yesterday. The Annie Campbell cleared yesterday morning for San Pedro with 750,000 feet of lumber, and the William Bowden for the same port with 950,000 feet. The departure of these vessels will enable the towboats to get at the big British steam-

er Vermont. She will complete her cargo at the dolphins and will get away for Shanghai within a few days.

The loading of the steamer Meteor with railroad ties, at Portland, is about completed, and she will soon get to sea. The after deck load and part of the forward deckload are on.

SLIGHT ARGUMENT.

James and John Discuss Various Intellectual Problems.

James and John were arguing in an alley near Bond street. The argument waxed warm, and was heard three blocks away. Whites and "yellows" from Chinatown and the surrounding neighborhood gathered to see what the two savants were discussing.

"To me," said John, "your theory of intercellular corpuscularization of the intervening ciliary embrocationary diaphragmatization is a relic of the beliefs obtaining in the days of Hypocrites, which not even the ramificationary character of the ganglionic reflex of the medulla oblongata was recognized in even the simplest thesis. I—"

"Pardon me," interrupted James, politely, yet evincing great mental stress, and excitement, "I perceive that you are laboring under the hallucination that the ciliary agglomerativeness is a thyroid-epiglottis of the immediate corpuscular maxillarum—vertebrata. Now—"

In his earnestness he made a passing gesture and knocked John off the sidewalk. John lay there awhile pondering on the things his confederate had just advanced in his argument.

But James was running.

And Woo Gee, one of the interested spectators, was trying to yell and whistle for an officer at the same time, deducing from the attendant circumstances that one might be needed.

The alley looked like an exciting moment in a bullfight. People swarmed in from all sides and a policeman arrived and got the two philosophers.

"We were not fighting your honor," they told Judge Anderson. "It was an accident, due to an inadvertent gesture provoked by the subject of the intervening ciliary embrocationary—"

"All right," said Judge Anderson, hastily. "Don't say the rest of it. I'm afraid Chief Gammal will arrest you, if you dare spring any more of it."

They paid the minimum fine to the judge. Chief Gammal eyed the pair wistfully as they went out. He was plainly anxious to take them by the collar and see how many big words he could shake out of them.

"I still maintain," said John as they passed down the hallway and out into the rain. "That the ganglionic reflex is the only tenable interpretation of the corpuscular diaphragmatization of the intervening effiteness—"

And they were gone.

LEST YOU FORGET.

Is it not about time you were getting that buggy fixed up? It may need new rubber tires or perhaps some other pairs. If so, take it to Andrew As Company. They also do all kinds of blacksmithing and repair work.

STATEMENT NO. 1.

The statement is frequently, and freely, made that the best meal in Astoria is always served at the Palace Restaurant. The reason for this broad and general declaration, is that it is so. What better predicate can there be for so important an announcement? The man who doubts it has only to call there and prove it for himself. If he can't go by day, he can go at night; the house is never closed. They feed the individual and they banquet the crowd. And all on the same plane of excellence. Commercial street, opposite the Page building.

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"SWEATING" COINS

Suspected That Astoria Chinese Thus Employed.

MAY BE AN INVESTIGATION

Chinese in This City Are Suspected of Employing "Sweating" Process on Gold Coins—Unique Method Used by Orientals.

Recently government agents have been looking into the status of coin-sweating among the Chinese residents of the coast. It is said that the sweating process is employed wherever there is a Chinese colony, and it has been declared that Astoria Chinese have been no exception to the rule. The fondness of the Chinese for gold is well known, and those whose business brings them in contact with the orientals often remark that silver is invariably paid out by the Chinese, while gold is carefully hoarded.

The sweating process is said to net the Chinese a very considerable income.

The process is crude, requiring much manual labor. The gold coins are placed in a long, narrow canvas sack, in which are placed pieces of broken files. The sack is held by a Chinese, who elevates first one end and then the other. The pieces of file are relied upon to separate particles of gold from the coins, and it is said that from \$2 to \$3.50 is thus taken from each \$20 piece submitted to the process.

"Gold sweating has been carried on in every coast city for many years," said a gentleman who frequently deals with Chinese, discussing the matter yesterday. "The Chinese are almost safe from arrest, for they work in obscure places and one Chinese would never inform on another. Like the Japanese, they are intensely loyal to their countrymen. I am convinced that the exposure in Portland's Chinese colony portrays the condition generally prevailing at all coast cities." The Chinese have ample opportunity to sweat gold, for they handle large sums of money. Their lotteries do an immense business, and, although, according to well informed people, the player has almost no chance to win, hundreds of white persons, of both sexes play the game every day. The lotteries are also "hooked" by the Chinese themselves, but the Japs, although inveterate gamblers, seem to confine themselves to the white men's banking games.

ADOPT RUGBY GAME.

Stanford and Berkeley Will Not Play Strenuous Game.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—The first inroad by the Rugby football game into the arena of American university athletics has been accomplished in California, partly as a result of the prevalent dissatisfaction at the roughness of the intercollegiate game and partly in consequence of the splendid exhibition of the Rugby game given here recently by New Zealand and British Columbia games.

At a meeting of the athletic committee of the University of California and Stanford University a resolution was passed substituting the Rugby game for the intercollegiate game heretofore played. There is considerable dissatisfaction among the students of the two universities at the action of the committee, but nothing can be done. They must either play Rugby or give up football.

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